



Northern Border Regional Commission

2016 Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment
Program



A Little Background

Established in 2008

Partnership between Federal Government and the State's of Maine , New Hampshire,
New York and Vermont

Modeled after other Federal Commissions
(ARC, Delta, Denali)

Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program is one program within
the Commission

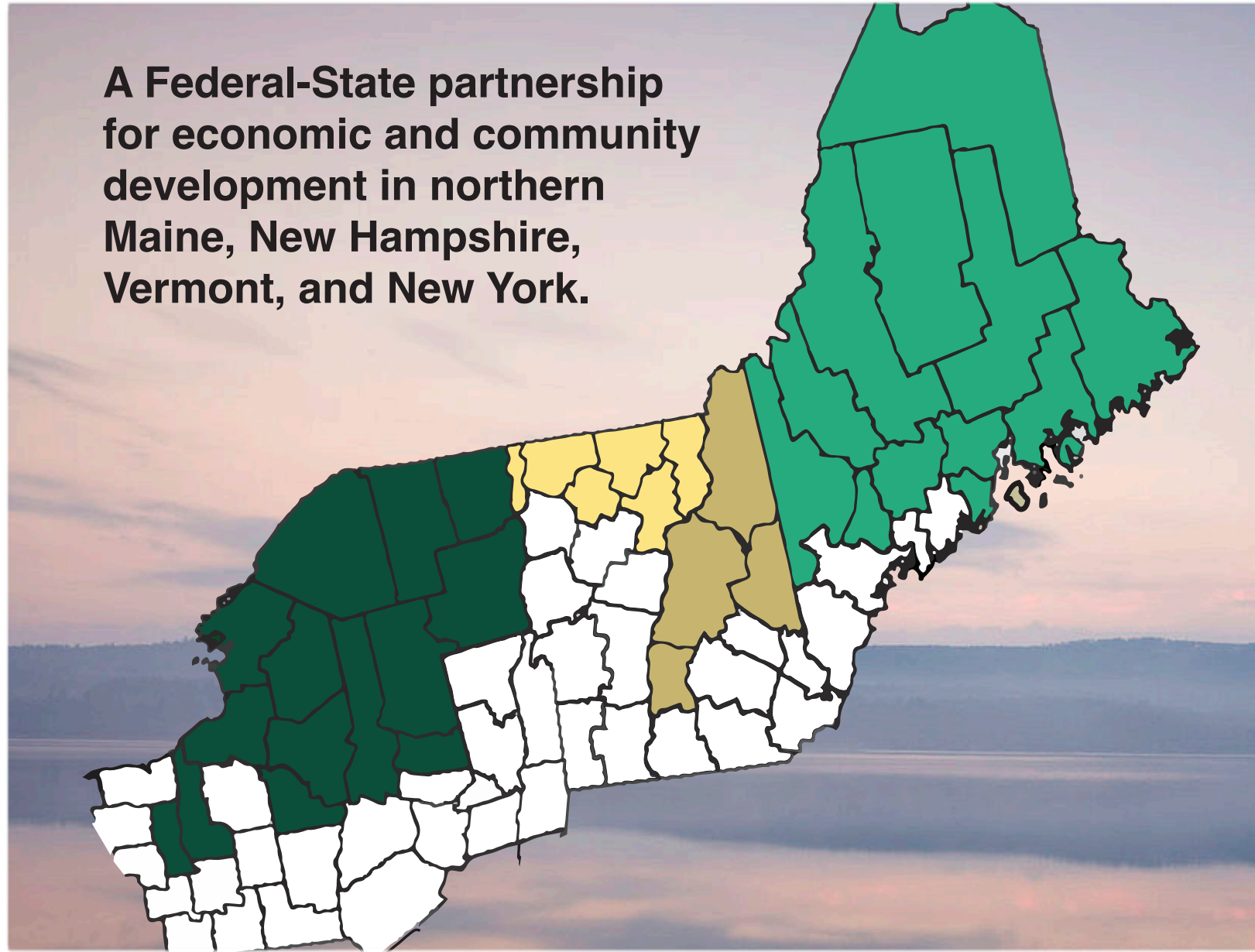
Applications are due 5pm, June 17, 2016

Maximum amount per application \$250,000

\$7.5 M to distribute within the four States in 2016



A Federal-State partnership
for economic and community
development in northern
Maine, New Hampshire,
Vermont, and New York.



Region

Maine - Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington

New Hampshire - Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan

New York - Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca and St. Lawrence

Vermont - Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille and Orleans



Who's Eligible?

State Government Agencies

Local Governments - including: villages, towns, cities, counties.

Other Political subdivisions of the State - e.g. Regional Planning Commissions

Native American Tribes

Non-profit entities

Who's NOT Eligible?

For Profit Entities

LLCs or other entities that are not a 501 (c).

Any 'eligible' entity that is ineligible due to past history with administering federal grants

Are Past Recipients Eligible?

Yes, if both:

The entity has submitted reimbursement requests totaling at least 75% of the current project and, the entity has demonstrated that at least 75% of their match as been completed by August 30, 2016.



Eligible Uses



- *Transportation Infrastructure
- *Telecommunication Infrastructure
- *Basic Public Infrastructure
- *Business and Workforce Development
- *Basic Health Care
- *Resource Conservation, Tourism and Recreation
- *Renewable and Alternative Energy



Ineligible Uses



- *Pass thru funds to ineligible applicants
- *Projects that relocate businesses from one area of the region to another
- *To supplement existing Federal programs
- *Projects that promote unfair competition between businesses with the same service area



Eligible Costs

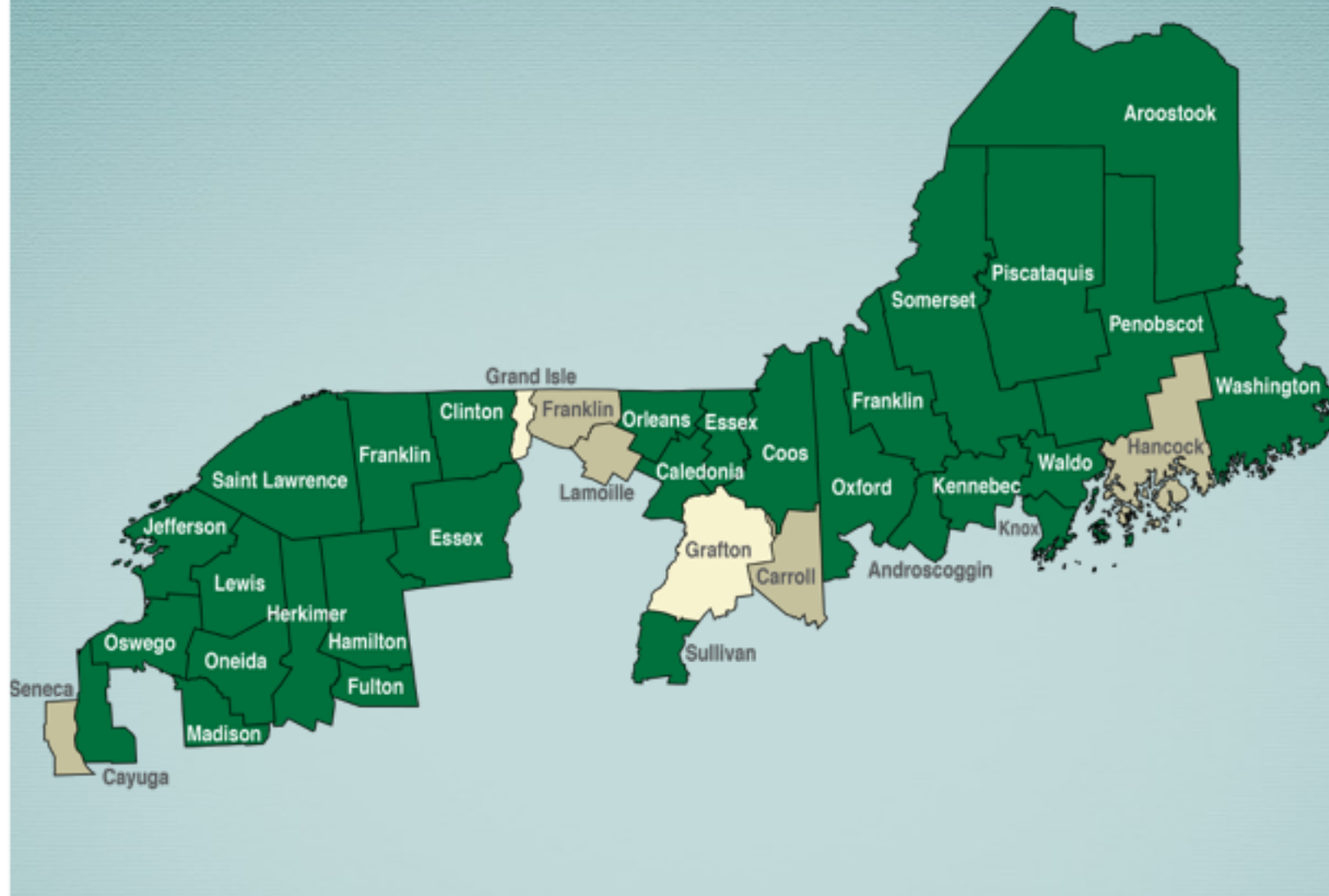
- *Reasonable fees associated with contractors to complete construction contracts
- *Construction, pre-construction such as engineering
- *Indirect Cost (where applicable)
- *Other applicable and allocable costs outlined in federal grant-making

Ineligible Costs

- *Food and beverage for meetings
 - *Alcohol
 - *Entertainment
 - *Appraisal costs
- *Allowance or payment of debt

Federal Ceiling

Yes, NBRC funding can be used to match other Federal programs -
HOWEVER, it can only be used to match up to 80% of the total project costs.



Eligibility Criteria

Distressed - 80% NBRC/20% Applicant Match
Transitional - 50% NBRC/50% Applicant Match
Attainment - ineligible *



*Exceptions to Attainment Counties

Isolated Areas of Distress

Communities that demonstrate at least one of the Primary Distress Criteria

Multi County

< 1/2 Distressed
> 1/2 Distressed



Significant Benefit

A waiver must be granted if neither an Isolated Area or a Multi County - The Federal Co-Chair and the Governors (representatives) may provide a waiver when the project is located within an Attainment County, but its outcomes clearly benefits populations in a Distressed or Transitional County.



Match

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Review the Program Manual

- *Indirect Rate may be used
 - *Volunteer rate
- *Municipal force accounts
 - *In-kind
- *Program income
- *Land/easements



The Application

What has changed since last year?



Clearly State the Amount of NBRC Investment You Are Applying For

Total Project Cost = \$690,000

NBRC funds = \$250,000

Other Funding Sources = \$440,000

Less Narrative/More Narrative?

*Project Focus (50 words)

*Economic Benefit

*Outcomes

*Work Plan

*Sustainability

*Flexibility of Scope and Financial Need

*Project Start and End Dates

Additional Forms!

*Lobbying Disclosure

*Debarment

*Construction vs Non-Construction

Local Development Districts



Clarifications/Process Resolutions

- * No Project shall begin without first receiving a **Notice To Proceed**
- * A **Notice to Proceed** will not be issued prior to Match being secured
 - * All Match must be secured by September 30, 2017
- * All Projects begin October 1, 2016 and end no later than September 30, 2019
- * Land transfers or other 'match' may **NOT** take place prior to the **Notice to Proceed** being issued



How to Apply

One PDF: sent via email:

upload.2016_EI.dvtbo6h9iy@u.box.com

or:

53 Pleasant Street, Suite 3602, Concord, NH 03301
ATTN: EID Application



>> **Application deadline is 5pm on June 17th, 2016** <<

TIMELINE OF INVESTMENT PROGRAM

03/14/16 - EID Investment Program Announcement, and application available on www.nbrc.gov

06/17/16 -ALL applications due

07/06/16 - States certify applications are complete. NBRC certifies eligibility of applications.

07/27/16 -States complete scoring of applications

08/02/16 08/05/16 -States' Alternates and Federal Co-Chair meet to approve applications. Following receipt of prioritized list, letters from Governors, notification of awarded and denied applications.

09/01/16 - Awardees must return signed award and materials to NBRC.

08/30/16 - Last day to receive SF207 Reimbursement request and demonstrate 75% match met for applicants that have outstanding projects prior to this round, or funds are awarded to other applicants. And last day to have demonstration of, awarded and/or committed.

09/30/17 - All Match must be in place (secured and documented)

09/30/19 - All projects must be completed



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